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HEADQUARTERS

REFS: (A) USNATO 8185; (B) USNATO 7931 (NOTAL); (C) TOKYO
15781 (NOTAL); (D) USNATO 8093 (NOTAL)

1. A DELEGATION FROM JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) IS NOW IN
WASHINGTON ON THE SAME MISSION AS ENVISIONED FOR NATO.
THE OFFICIAL REQUEST TO VISIT WASHINGTON WAS INITIATED
BY THE JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON AND LATER
SUPPORTED BY A LETTER FROM VICE JDA DIRGEN MARUYAMA TO
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DEPSECDEF DUNCAN. DIA AND JCS WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE VISIT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT GEN. KNOWLTON (USDELMC) AND SHAPE ARE AWARE
OF THE VISIT, AND THAT THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS
MADE PREPARATIONS TO MEET WITH THE JDA GROUP IN BRUSSELS.
THE JAPANESE ALSO INTEND TO VISIT BONN AND PARIS. THE
JAPANESE GROUP IN WASHINGTON CONSISTS OF ONE JDA CIVILIAN,

A MAJOR-GENERAL AND FOUR COLONELS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEFENSE IS SHARING CERTAIN U.S. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AT THE SECRET LEVEL WITH THE JAPANESE, BUT DOD IS NOT REPEAT NOT GIVING THEM ACCESS TO ANY CLASSIFIED NATO INFORMATION.

3. WE AGREE WITH USNATO ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF A. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL TO THE JAPANESE WITHOUT COMPLICATING THE FUTURE VISITS BY OTHER GROUPS FROM OUTSIDE ALLIANCE THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN PROMOTING. AT SAME TIME, WE SHARE MISSION'S DESIRE NOT TO PUT LUNS IN AWKWARD POSITION AND SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO DISCUSS THIS WITH LUNS PRIVATELY.

4. IN URGING NATO AND THE ALLIES TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE JAPANESE, USNATO SHOULD NOT PRESS JAPAN'S CASE, BUT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE ALLIES THAT THOUGH JAPAN IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE, IT IS A VALUABLE FRIEND AND THE SECURITY OF JAPAN IS IMPORTANT TO THE ALLIES.

5. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT NATO SHOULD WELCOME THE JAPANESE VISIT. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE GUIDED BY ALLIED CONSENSUS ON WHAT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SHOULD BE SHARED
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WITH JAPANESE. PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID GIVING THE JAPANESE THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE NOT ACCORDED TREATMENT OR ACCESS EQUAL TO THAT RECEIVED BY OTHER VALUED FRIENDLY NATIONS. SHOULD ALLIES DECIDE NOT TO SHARE ANY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WITH THEM, WE TRUST THE JAPANESE WILL BE INFORMED IN A WAY WHICH STRESSES THE DESIRE OF NATO AND THE ALLIES TO BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.

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